രിൽ പെട്ടതാണ്, അതുകൊണ്ട് അവിടത്തെ വരവിൽ വലിയൊരു ഭാഗം സ്വായമായും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂക്ക് കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതാകുന്നു.

Ferry between Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

390. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the name of contractor of the ferry service between Ernakulam and Mattancheri;

(b) is there any agreement between the contractor and the Government; if so, will a copy of it be placed on the Table;

(c) is there any stipulation made as regards the rates and timings;

(d) the names of the officers, if any, who are responsible for the enforcement of the terms of the contract especially in regard to the hours of arrival and departure of the several boats;

(e) has there been any complaint from the public against the contractors on account of the violation of the rules and the consequent inconvenience to the public; and if so, what action has the Government taken regarding same;

(f) the exact number of times the boat plied to-day (13th Thulam 1104)?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) The Ferry and Transport Services, Ltd., Cochin.

(b) Yes. A copy of the agreement is placed on the Council Table.

(c) Yes.

(d) The Member is referred to clause 4 of the agreement. The canal officer has been specially ordered to enforce the terms and regulate the service.

(e) Yes. Only one complaint about the Lucky boat was brought to the notice of the Government. Government prohibited the use of the boat during the monsoon season, and all the ferry boats were got examined by expert officers.

(f) Twenty.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many times has the boat to ply according to the agreement?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Does not the agreement show that?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—According to the agreement it is to run 42 times. Whether any action was taken against them for not doing so?

Mr T. M. Krishna Menon – Notice is required.

President.—I think it is 21 times. 42 means going 21 times to and coming 21 times from Mattancheri.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So it has run 40 times.

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President.—How is it, Mr. Koder ?

Mr. S. S. Koder.—The explanation is given.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—As a rule it is not possible to keep up this time in all weathers and in all times, as some times we have only very low water, and we have to take a circuitous route.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So that it takes sometimes 25 minutes, sometimes 35.

Mr. S. S. Koder.—Very often we land at the Huzur Jetty.

391. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of days in Thulam 1104 on which boats plied the prescribed number of times;

(b) the rate charged by the steam and motor boat owners for a passenger for his journey from Ernakulam and Alleppey and what is the distance between the two places;

(c) the distance between Ernakulam and Mattancheri and the rates charged by the ferry contractors;

(d) what is the reason for this abnormal difference;

(e) whether tenders were called for for taking up the ferry service; if so, the names of the tenderers with their rates;

(f) were there any offers to pay the same rentals to Government and at the same time charge the passengers at a much lower rate; if so, the names of the offerers with their rates?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Five.

(b) The rate is shown below—

1st class	Rs.	1—0—0
2nd class	,,	0—10—0
3rd class	,,	0—4—0

The distances is known to be 42 miles.

(c) 2½ miles (approximate)

1st class	Rs.	0—3—0
2nd class	,,	0—2—0
3rd class	,,	0—1—0

(d) The conditions are not similar in these two cases. Rules cannot be fixed with reference to distance alone.

(e) (1) Messrs. Abraham B. Salem and V. J. Pompazhi. Rs. 12,500 per annum.

(2) The Ferry and Transport Services, Ltd., Rs. 12,501 per annum.

(f) No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Thulam, they have run only for 5 days according to the agreement. For the rest of 25 days they have not run boats according to the

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